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Dear SciDAC Program Reviewer,

As Principal Investigator for the Outreach Center I want to express our thanks for the work done by the VACET team in these first years of SciDAC-2. VACET has delivered solidly on two areas important to making the SciDAC program a recognized success by DOE, academia, and industry. The first regards education and outreach. The second regards technology transfer.

VACET has been and will I hope continue to be a strong contributor to the education and outreach efforts that bring SciDAC expertise to new audiences. VACET tutorials have been the main event drawing large numbers of attendees. Attendees are able to download, install, and begin using DOE software such as VisIt on their own laptops. That serves the educational goals of the tutorial, but it is important in other ways as well. It gives participants a tangible sense that DOE supported software is worthwhile, works, and can help them. They also walk away with a functioning tool they can continue to use in their research or studies.

Secondly, I also appreciate the VACET team for being patient early adopters of the collaborative development environment services provided by the SciDAC Outreach Center. These are web based code and data services targeted at helping both developers and users. They have made good use of these services and also helped us improve them by making heavy use of our source code controls systems, reporting bugs and making service requests. By doing so they have helped move the expectations for DOE HPC software in a direction that enables technology transfer from SciDAC to the rest of the world.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or concerns.

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